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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from Saalfeld

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1. On 7 February 1952, the Prinz Louis Ferdinand Kaserne in Saalfeld (H 51/J 53) quartered about 400 troops, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets and some black-bordered red epaulets. A field trunk wire ran from the installation to a point, about 200 meters to the north, where four radio masts, 8 to 10 meters high and grouped around a wooden cabin, were erected. About 100 troops were seen drilling in the barracks yard. They included 30 soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets and practiced with rifles. Another 20 soldiers received training with light machine guns. Truck [REDACTED] was seen entering the billeting area. Trucks [REDACTED] drove toward the installation from the city of Saalfeld, with two of the trucks carrying about 20 soldiers each. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets and were equipped with rifles.

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2. The gate guard observed at the Prinz Louis Ferdinand Kaserne on 22 January wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carried a submachine gun. Except for one barracks building which was only 50 percent lighted, almost all the other buildings were fully lighted during the evening hours. From 35 to 40 soldiers were seen drilling in the barracks yard at squad level in daytime. Vehicles [REDACTED] \*

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- \* [REDACTED] Comment. The information from Saalfeld, like a report from Rudolstadt, gives no indications as to the identity of the headquarters units of the XXVIII Gds Htz Rifle Corps which are now stationed in Saalfeld. The only component of the corps which has been confirmed in Saalfeld [REDACTED] is the unidentified rocket launcher regiment. The radio station described in paragraph 1 of the present report and observed at Saalfeld for the first time indicates that the Hq XXVIII Gds Htz Rifle Corps may have moved to Saalfeld rather than Rudolstadt. [REDACTED]

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